

UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT

STRUCTURE NO. L0885

TWP NO. 970

OVER THE

OTTER TAIL RIVER

DISTRICT 4 - OTTER TAIL COUNTY



PREPARED FOR THE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY

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JOB NO. 3512 (CEI 64)

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION

REPORT SUMMARY:

The substructure units inspected at Bridge No. L0885, the East and West Abutments, and the Center Pier, were in satisfactory to poor condition. Since the previous inspection, the bridge has been closed to vehicular traffic and is only used as a pedestrian walkway. Both abutments exhibited several cracks and areas of section loss with sections of exposed reinforcing steel. The Center Pier exhibited widespread coating failure and light surface corrosion. In addition, the Center Pier was visibly settling toward the north and the south caisson's steel shell exhibited a 1/4-inch gap below water due to a missing rivet. The channel bottom appeared stable with no evidence of significant scour and no appreciable changes since the previous inspection.

INSPECTION FINDINGS:

- (A) The south caisson of the Center Pier had a rivet missing below water, causing a 1/4-inch-wide by 1-foot-long gap in the steel caisson shell. Additionally, one steel cross brace between caissons was bent out-of-plane. It was also observed that the Center Pier has overall settled noticeably toward the north.
- (B) The Center Pier caissons exhibited 100 percent coating failure and minor surface corrosion from 1 foot above the waterline to the channel bottom.
- (C) The West Abutment breastwall exhibited random vertical hairline to 1/16 inch wide cracking and widespread moderate to heavy scaling with some exposed reinforcing steel. None of this concrete deterioration was deemed to be structurally detrimental at this time.

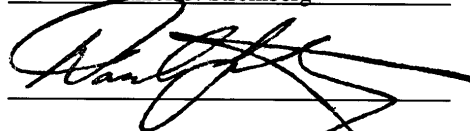
- (D) The East Abutment breastwall exhibited vertical cracking up to 1/2 inch wide and three spalled areas with some exposed reinforcing steel. The spalls were no larger than 3 square feet in area and located near the ground line. None of this concrete deterioration was deemed to be structurally detrimental at this time.
- (E) A horizontal crack with a maximum width of 3/4 inch extended the full length of the South Wingwall of the East Abutment 4.5 feet above the ground line.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (A) Monitor the settlement rate of the Center Pier during future inspections, preferably at a minimum interval of one (1) year during above water inspections. If settlement is continuing and is adversely affecting the stability of the structure, measures to stabilize or close the bridge may be warranted.
- (B) Reinspect all substructure units underwater within an interval of three (3) years until the Center Pier movement has stabilized or if the structure is replaced.

I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

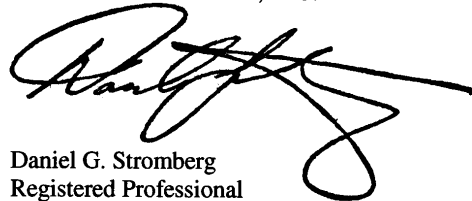
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1. BRIDGE DATA

Bridge Number: L0885

Feature Crossed: The Otter Tail River

Feature Carried: TWP No. 970

Location: District 4 - Otter Tail County

Bridge Description: The superstructure consists of two steel pony truss spans supporting a timber deck. The superstructure is supported by two reinforced concrete abutments and a center pier consisting of two steel shell caissons. The abutment foundation information was not available, and no design drawings were provided. The bridge is oriented in an east/west direction, and a dam is located approximately 20 feet downstream.

2. INSPECTION DATA

Professional Engineer/Team Leader: Shirley M. Walker, P.E.

Dive Team: Michelle D. Koerbel, Clayton G. Brookins

Date: October 29, 2002

Weather Conditions: Snow, " 30EF

Underwater Visibility: " 10.0 feet

Waterway Velocity: " 2.5 f.p.s.

3. SUBSTRUCTURE INSPECTION DATA

Substructure Inspected: West and East Abutments, and Center Pier

General Shape: The Center Pier consisted of two concrete filled steel shell caissons tied together with two horizontal steel diaphragms one each above and below water, and two steel turnbuckle cross bracing rods. The reinforced concrete abutments each consist of a breastwall and two wingwalls. Stone masonry retaining walls extend from the north wingwalls along both banks.

Maximum Water Depth at Substructure Inspected: Approximately 8.5 Feet.

4. WATERLINE DATUM

Water Level Reference: The top of the steel cap on the north caisson of the Center Pier.

Water Surface: The waterline was approximately 5.6 feet below the reference.

Assumed Waterline Elevation = 94.4.

5. NBIS CODING INFORMATION (Minnesota specific codes are used for 92B and 113)

Item 60: Substructure: Code 5

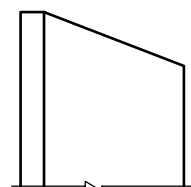
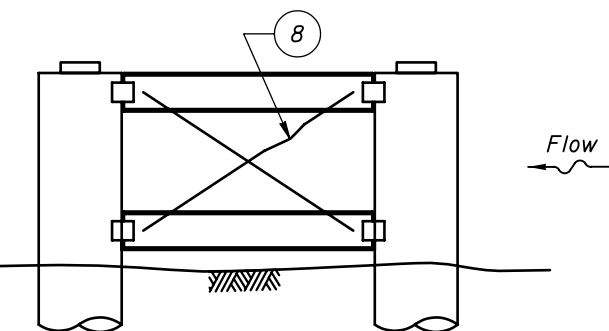
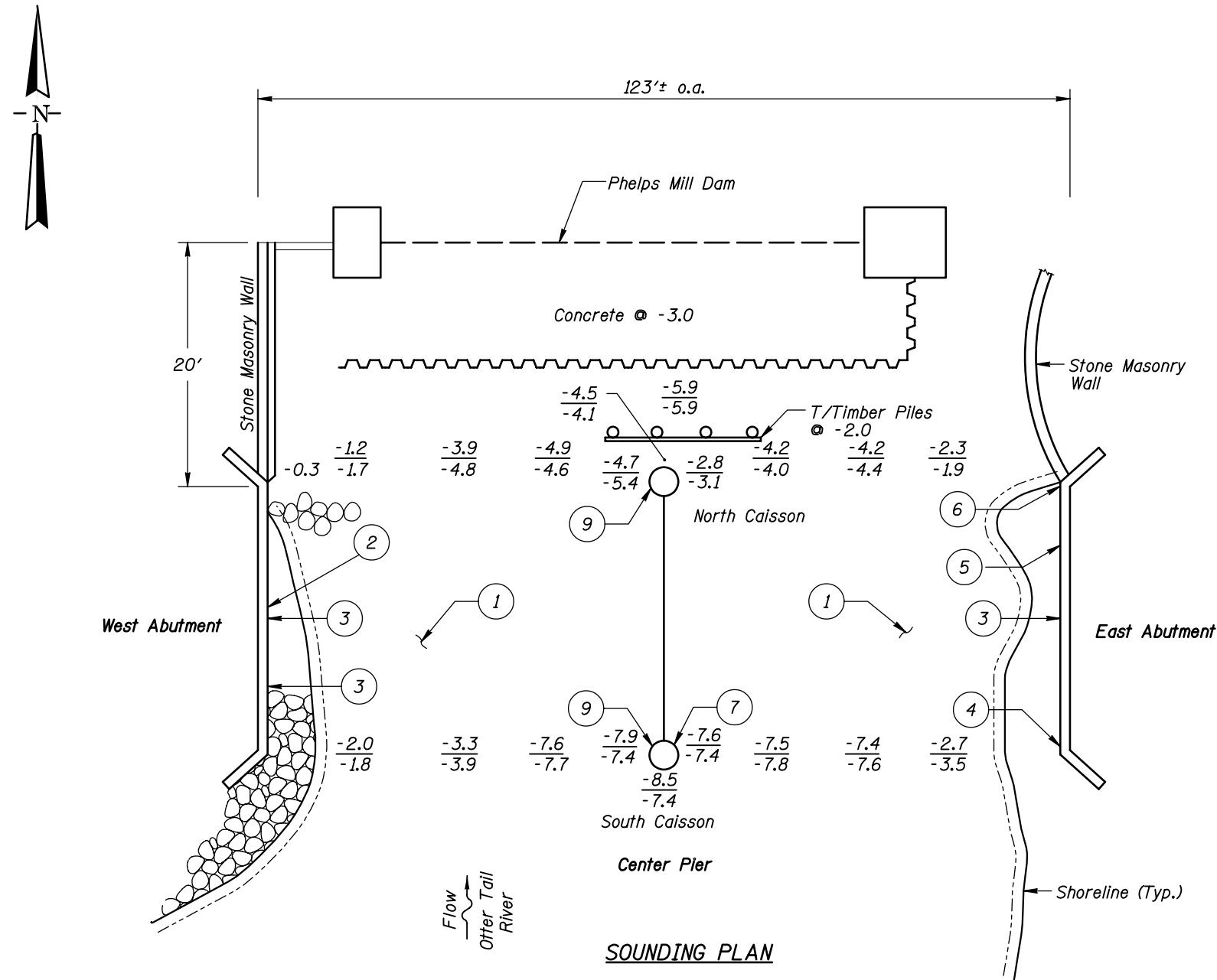
Item 61: Channel and Channel Protection: Code 8

Item 92B: Underwater Inspection: Code B/10/02

Item 113: Scour Critical Bridges: Code I/95

Bridge is scour critical because abutment or pier foundation is rated as unstable due to observed scour at bridge site.

_____ Yes X No



Legend

-2.0 Sounding Depth from Waterline (10/29/02)
-5.2 Sounding Depth from Waterline (9/4/97)

Riprap

GENERAL NOTES:

1. The West Abutment and the Center Pier were inspected underwater. Since the East Abutment (dry for this inspection) can also be submerged at times, it was also inspected.
2. At the time of inspection on October 29, 2002, the waterline was located approximately 5.6 feet below the top of the steel cap on the downstream caisson at the Center Pier. Since insufficient bridge elevation information was available a reference elevation of 100.0 was assumed. Based on the assumed reference, the waterline elevation was 94.4.
3. Soundings indicate the water depth at the time of inspection and are measured in feet.
4. Soundings were taken parallel to the bridge at 1/4 point intervals between the substructure units.

INSPECTION NOTES:

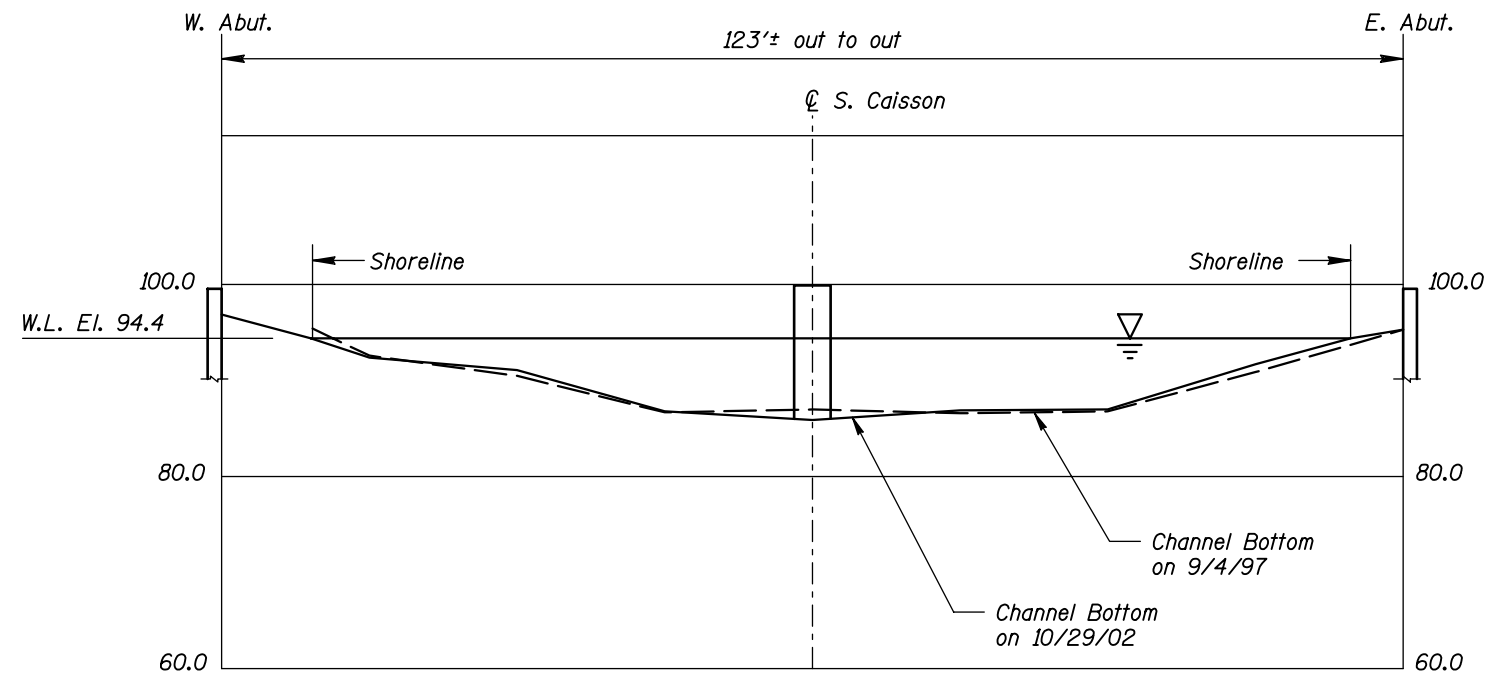
- 1 The channel bottom material consisted of sandy gravel and scattered 12 inch diameter riprap with 1 to 4 inches of probe rod penetration.
- 2 Approximately 50 percent of the abutment breastwall was covered with 1 inch deep scaling with some areas of exposed reinforcing steel.
- 3 Vertical crack, hairline to 1/16 inch wide, was present extending the full abutment height.
- 4 Vertical crack, 1/2 maximum width, was present extending the full abutment height. In addition, a spall, 1.5 feet wide by 2 feet high with 3 inches of penetration was present at the groundline.
- 5 Vertical crack, 1/16 inch maximum width, was present extending the full abutment height. In addition, a 10 inch diameter spall with 2 inches of penetration was present at the groundline.
- 6 Vertical crack, 1/2 inch maximum width, was present extending the full abutment height. Two spalls with exposed reinforcing steel were also present. One spall was 1.5 feet high by 1.5 feet wide with 6 inches of penetration and was at the groundline. The other spall was 0.5 feet high by 1 foot wide with 2 inches of penetration and was 2.5 feet above the groundline.
- 7 Missing rivet at 11.5 feet below the top of the caisson, causing a 1/4 inch wide by 1 foot long gap in the steel caisson shell.
- 8 Cross bracing extending from the top of the south caisson to the bottom of the north caisson exhibited a minor vertical bend/distortion.
- 9 Both caissons of the Center Pier exhibited 100 percent of coating failure and minor surface corrosion from 1 foot above the waterline to the channel bottom. Overall, the Center Pier also exhibited a detectable differential settlement to the north.
- 10 A horizontal crack, 3/4 inch maximum width, extended the length of wingwall 4.5 feet above the groundline.

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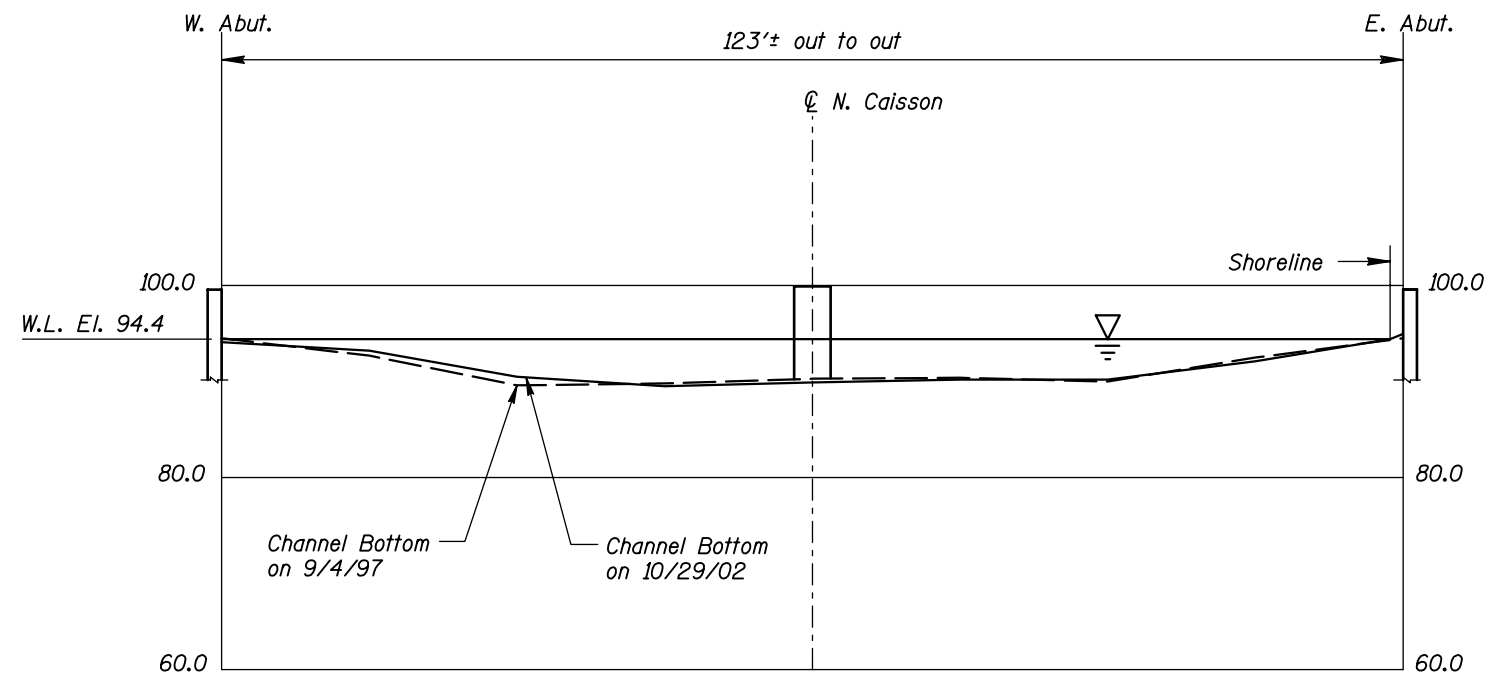
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OVER THE OTTER TAIL RIVER
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INSPECTION AND SOUNDING PLAN

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Code: 35120064		Figure No.: 1



UPSTREAM FASCIA PROFILE
Vertical Scale: 1"=20'-0"



DOWNSTREAM FASCIA PROFILE
Vertical Scale: 1"=20'-0"

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Photograph 1. Overall View of the Structure, Looking Northwest.



Photograph 2. View of East Abutment, Looking North.



Photograph 3. View of the Center Pier, Looking Southwest.



Photograph 4. View of the West Abutment, Looking Northwest.



Photograph 5. View of Horizontal Crack in Southeast Wingwall, Looking East.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES
DAILY DIVING REPORT

INSPECTORS: Collins Engineers, Inc.

DATE: October 27, 2002

ON-SITE TEAM LEADER: Shirley M. Walker, P.E.

BRIDGE NO: L0885

WEATHER: Snow, " 30EF

WATERWAY CROSSED: The Otter Tail River

DIVING OPERATION: X SCUBA SURFACE SUPPLIED AIR
OTHER

PERSONNEL: Michelle D. Koerbel, Clayton G. Brookins

EQUIPMENT: Scuba, U/W Light, Scraper, Sounding Pole, Lead Line, Probe Rod, Camera

TIME IN WATER: 3:30 pm

TIME OUT OF WATER: 3:50 pm

WATERWAY DATA: VELOCITY " 2.50 f.p.s.

VISIBILITY " 10.0 Feet

DEPTH 8.5 Feet maximum at the Center Pier

ELEMENTS INSPECTED: East Abutment, West Abutment, and Center Pier

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FURTHER ACTION NEEDED: _____ YES X NO

FURTHER ACTION NEEDED (CONTINUED)

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UNDERWATER INSPECTION CONDITION RATING FORM

BRIDGE NO. L0885
INSPECTORS Collins Engineers, Inc.
ON-SITE TEAM LEADER Shirley M. Walker, P.E.
WATERWAY CROSSED The Otter Tail River

INSPECTION DATE October 29, 2002
NOTE: USE ALL APPLICABLE CONDITION
DEFINITIONS AS DEFINED IN THE MINNESOTA
RECORDING AND CODING GUIDE INCLUDING
GENERAL, SUBSTRUCTURE, CHANNEL AND
PROTECTION, AND CULVERTS AND WALL
DEFINITIONS TO COMPLETE THIS FORM.

CONDITION RATING

UNIT REFERENCE NO.	UNIT DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM DEPTH OF WATER	SUBSTRUCTURE						CHANNEL					GENERAL					
			PILING	COLUMNS, SHAFTS, OR FACES*	FOOTINGS	DISPLACEMENT	OTHER (BRACING RODS)	OVERALL SUBSTRUCTURE CONDITION CODE*	SCOUR	EMBANKMENT EROSION	EMBANKMENT PROTECTION	OTHER (DRIFT/DEBRIS)	OVERALL CHANNEL & PROTECTION CONDITION	CONCRETE	STEEL	TIMBER	LOSS OF SECTION	PREVIOUS REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE	OTHER
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	West Abutment	0.3'	N	6	N	7	N	6	8	8	8	N	8	6	N	N	6	N	N
	Center Pier	8.5'	N	5	N	4	5	4	8	N	N	N	8	N	7	N	7	N	N

*UNDERWATER PORTION ONLY

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NOTES: ATTACH SKETCHES AS NEEDED, IDENTIFY REMARK BY REFERRING TO UNIT REFERENCE NO. AND REMARK NO.
USE GENERAL SECTION TO IDENTIFY OVERALL PRESENCE OF SPALLS, CRACKS, CORROSION, ETC.